

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH CHAMBAL CONTROL BOARD IN WATER SECTOR

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Chambal Control Board has signed an agreement with the Government of Rajasthan for use of Chambal water through the Gandhi Sagar, Rana Pratap Sagar, Jawahar Sagar and Kota Barrage projects;
- (b) if so, whether any State is free to encroach upon water catchment areas of another States without permission;
- (c) if so, the reasons for construction of hydraulic structure's in the water catchment area of the Gandhi Sagar Project;
- (d) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh proposes to demolish such illegal structures which Government of Rajasthan as constructed without taking permission; and
- (e) if so, by when it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) The Chambal Control Board was constituted in April, 1955 with a view to ensure efficient, economical and expeditious execution of the Chambal Valley Development projects including all connected works in the States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and it functioned upto 31.8.1973. As per the decision taken by the Chambal Control Board at its 102nd meeting held on 29.7.73, Madhya Pradesh- Rajasthan Interstate (Irrigation & Power) Control Board came into existence and started functioning w.e.f. 1.9.73. The Board is in the over-all charge of the administration, maintenance, augmentation of common works of the Chambal Complex, namely, Gandhi Sagar Dam, Rana-Pratap Sagar Dam, Jawahar Sagar Dam, Kota Barrage, releases of water in the canals, right-main canal from head to Rajasthan Madhya Pradesh border, power houses located at Gandhi Sagar Dam, Rana-Pratap Sagar Dam, Jawahar Sagar Dam and Thermal Power Station at Satpura and also all the common sub-stations and common transmission lines under Chambal Satpura system. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that about 151 water harvesting structures have been constructed in the catchment area of Gandhi-Sagar project in Madhya Pradesh with a gross capacity of 229.336 Million Cubic Metre. According to Madhya Pradesh, the structures constructed by it in upstream of Gandhi- Sagar Project are within the permissible upstream yield allotment to Madhya Pradesh. According to Rajasthan, MP Government has constructed unauthorized harvesting structure in the catchment area of Gandhi-Sagar dam in violation of the agreed decision.

(d) & (e) The Government of Rajasthan has not constructed any structure in the catchment area of Chambal valley project. However, in November, 2004, it has requested Government of Madhya Pradesh to demolish the water harvesting structures constructed by Madhya Pradesh as these affect the yield of Gandhi-Sagar Dam.